

to form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed, with amendment—

Senate Bill No. 516:

A Bill to be entitled An Act empowering the municipalities of the City of Palmetto and the City of Bradenton to own, construct, operate and maintain jointly a free bridge across the Manatee River, providing for the issuance of bonds therefor, the regulation of traffic, the management and control thereof and power of sale.

House amendments to Senate Bill No. 516:

1. In the 5th line of the title of said Bill, after the word "River" insert the following words: "Empowering said cities to regulate and control the passage of conveyances for hire, and licenses therefor upon said bridge."

2. In line 5 of the title of said Bill, strike out the word "free."

3. Provided that no load shall exceed 5,000 pounds.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And the House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 516 contained in the above message, were placed before the Senate.

Mr. Wilson moved that the Senate concur in Amendment No. 1 of the House to Senate Bill No. 516, contained in the foregoing Message.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson moved that the Senate concur in Amendment No. 2 of the House to Senate Bill No. 516, contained in the foregoing Message.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson moved that the Senate concur in Amendment No. 3 of the House to Senate Bill No. 516.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 516, as amended by the House of Representatives, which amendments were concurred in by the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Eaton moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the Senate do now adjourn to 8 o'clock P. M. to consider Local Bills.

The question was put upon the motion of Mr. MacWilliams.

Which was not agreed to.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Eaton to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. Thursday, May 17, 1917.

Thursday, May 17, 1917.

The Senate convened pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Senators, Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gorn-to, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal of May 16 was corrected and approved as corrected.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. J. M. Gorn-to, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 16, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,

President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(Senate Bill No. 461.)

An Act making it unlawful to catch fish in certain fresh water lakes of Osecola County.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 44.)

An Act authorizing the Board of Supervisors of a drainage district to obtain permits from the Government

of the United States and to give bond for the performance of same.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 64.)

An Act providing for the registration of aliens when a state of war exists or is imminent between the United States and a foreign country.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 130.)

An Act to amend Section One Hundred and Thirteen (113) of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to the keeping of certain record books and making of reports by the Comptroller of this State.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 78.)

An Act to prohibit the issuing by any one of checks or orders upon banks or other persons, when the makers of such orders or checks have not sufficient funds on deposit with the drawee to pay such order; to prescribe a rule of evidence therein, and to provide punishment therefor.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 58.)

An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 6966 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 4, 1915, entitled: "An Act providing for the distribution of the funds received from the forest reserves of this State, in accordance with An Act of Congress, approved May 23, 1908, appropriating twenty-five per cent of the receipts from the National Forest Reserves in this State for the benefit of the schools and roads in the counties in which said Reserves are situated.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 119.)

An Act to amend Section 103 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida in relation to the issue of warrants by the Comptroller of this State.

Have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTON,
Chairman of Committee.

And the Acts contained therein were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 240:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 2574, General Statutes of 1906, providing for the issuance of marriage licenses and the prerequisites therefor.

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,
A. M. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 240, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 492:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relative to the care, maintenance and hiring of State convicts, and making an appropriation for carrying out the provisions thereof.

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,
A. M. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 492, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 16, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 153:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to co-operative associations and to authorize their incorporation, and to declare an emergency.

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,
A. M. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 153, contained in above report, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Davis, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary A, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. E. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 338:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to define and punish the crime of embezzlement by administrators, executors, guardians and trustees, and to prescribe a rule of evidence in prosecutions thereunder.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

C. E. DAVIS,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 338, contained in the above report, was placed on the table under the rule.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Amendments, Committee Substitute for—
House Bills Nos. 87, 92, 149 and 205:

A Bill to be entitled An Act creating a State Board of Pensions, defining who shall receive pensions, who shall not receive pensions, and who shall be retained as pensioners, how applications shall be made, how pensions shall be paid; duty of County Commissioners in regard to pensions; providing for the levy of a pension tax, and

authorizing the State Board of Pensions to make regulations to carry into effect the provisions of this Act.

Have examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Committee Substitute for House Bills Nos. 87, 92, 149 and 205, with the Senate Amendments thereto, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on the Third Reading.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 302:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to grant the State of Florida the right to a writ of error in certain criminal cases.

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 302, contained in the above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 210:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 22, Chapter 6421, Acts 1913, the same being "An Act imposing

licenses and other taxes, providing for the payment thereof, and prescribing penalties for doing business without a license, or other failure to comply with the provisions thereof."

Have examined same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 210, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,

President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 197:

A Bill to be entitled An Act regulating the determination of cases by the Supreme Court of the State of Florida.

Have examined same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 197, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Davis, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary A, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,

President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 465:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 6208, Laws of Florida, said Chapter being "An Act to authorize the counties of the State of Florida to

create and constitute special road and bridge districts within said counties; and to issue bonds and levy and collect a special road and bridge district tax with which to pay for the construction, repair and maintenance of the roads and bridges within said special road and bridge districts," approved June 5, 1911.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 481:

A Bill to be entitled An Act amending Section 1591 of Article 8 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the manner of obtaining money for pay of jurors and witnesses.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 528:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the cancellation of judgments or decrees of courts of the State of Florida after the expiration of twenty years from the date of said judgments or decrees.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 530:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2920 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the making of annual reports by common carriers to the Railroad Commissioners.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. E. DAVIS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 465, 481, 528 and 530, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Davis, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary A, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,

President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 52:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the registration and relief of executors and administrators.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendments:

In Section 1, line 13, before the word "be" at beginning of line, insert "shall not."

In Section 1, line 19, after the word "kind" strike out the word "and."

In Section 1, line 21, strike out the word "that" at the beginning of the line.

Very respectfully,

C. E. DAVIS,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 52, with the Committee amendments thereto, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Davis, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary A, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 472:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prescribe the force and effect of the existence on the public records for twenty or more years of deeds, powers of attorney and other instruments which have been defectively executed, acknowledged or proved for record.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

C. E. DAVIS,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 472, contained in above report, was placed on table under the rule.

Mr. Davis, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary A, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,

President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 417:

A Bill to be entitled An Act for the adoption of a uniform affidavit of publication of legal notices.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

C. E. DAVIS,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 417, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. J. M. Gornto, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,

President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 437.)

An Act to provide for the size of bar and mesh and length of seines fished or used in the salt waters of Bay County, Florida, and to provide penalties for the violation of same.

Also—

(House Bill No. 535.)

An Act to validate, ratify and confirm all proceedings had and taken in connection with the creation and organization of Special Road and Bridge District No. 5 of Levy County, Florida, known as Bronson Special Road and Bridge District, and all elections held in said district for the selection of trustees for said district, and fixing

the tax millage to be levied and collected therein; and to validate, ratify and confirm all proceedings had and taken in connection with a special election held on November 7th, 1916, within said district for the purpose of permitting the qualified free-holder electors, residing within said district, to determine, by a majority vote, whether or not the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida, should issue script of said district, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum, from the date of presentation to the designated depository of the funds of said district, and the endorsement thereon by said depository, "no funds with which to cash this warrant" in the amount of \$6,000 for the purpose of building, constructing and completing about 8 miles of hard-surfaced road leading from Bronson toward Williston, and about 7½ miles of hard-surfaced road leading from Bronson towards Archer to Alachua County line; and to validate, ratify and confirm and make valid all the subsequent proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida, in the issuance of said \$6,000 of script, and the levying of special taxes within said district annually, for purpose of paying the principal and interest of said scrip; and to make said \$6,000 of scrip, when issued, valid and legal binding obligation of said Special Road and Bridge District No. 5 of Levy County, Florida.

Also—

(House Bill No. 614.)

An Act granting relief to the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida, providing for extra compensation of said Board for special work performed, and validating the action of said Board with reference to allowing certain extra compensation to the members thereof.

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(House Bill No. 636.)

An Act to legalize and confirm the incorporation of the Town of Crestview, in Okaloosa County, Florida, and to declare the same a legally incorporated town.

Also—

(House Bill No. 655.)

An Act extending and enlarging the powers of the City of Leesburg, a municipal corporation organized and existing in Lake County, Florida, and providing for the exercise of such powers.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,
J. M. GORNTO,
Chairman of Committee.

And the Acts contained therein were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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the qualified freeholder electors, residing within said district, to determine, by a majority vote, whether or not the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida, should issue scrip of said district, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum, from the date of presentation to the designated depository of the funds of said district, and the endorsement thereon by said depository, "No funds with which to cash this warrant" in the amount of \$6,000 for the purpose of building, constructing and completing about eight miles of hard-surfaced road leading from Bronson towards Williston, and about 7½ miles of hard-surfaced road leading from Bronson towards Archer to Alachua County line; and to validate, ratify and confirm and make valid all the subsequent proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida, in the issuance of said \$6,000.00 of scrip, and the levying of special taxes within said district annually, for purpose of paying the principal and interest of said scrip; and to make said \$6,000.00 of scrip, when issued, valid and legal binding obligations of said Special Road and Bridge District No. 5 of Levy County, Florida."

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Chairman of Committee.

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Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 654.)

An Act to amend Section Forty-eight (48) of Chapter 6367, Acts of 1911, entitled: "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the Town of Leesburg; to legalize the ordinances of said town, and all official acts thereunder; to create and establish the municipality of the City of Leesburg, in Lake County, Florida, and to provide its jurisdiction and powers, and officers thereof."

Also—

(House Bill No. 689.)

An Act validating Twenty-five Thousand Dollars of bonds for Special Road and Bridge District No. 2, of Holmes County, authorized by special election of May 2, 1916, and declaring said special district to be a special road and bridge district, in accordance with law.

Also—

(House Bill No. 440.)

An Act to make it unlawful for live stock to run at large in certain portions of Lee County, Florida, and providing for a penalty for the violations thereof.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

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Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 571.)

An Act to provide for the organization, equipment and maintenance of county guards, to prescribe its powers, duties and regulations, to provide for its maintenance, its terms of service, and prescribing the duties of the County Commissioners in relation thereto.

Also—

(House Bill No. 716.)

An Act to provide for the disposition of causes pending in the County Court of Liberty County, Florida, at the time such Court was abolished.

Also—

(House Bill No. 129.)

An Act to establish a State Board of Embalming, to provide for the better protection of life and health; to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, and to regulate the practice of embalming and the care and disposition of the dead.

Also—

(House Bill No. 658.)

An Act validating the formation and creation of the Limestone Drainage District in DeSoto County, Florida, and validating the election of a Board of Supervisors for said district, and the acts of said Board of Supervisors validating the assessment of benefits made by the Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court of said district.

Also—

(House Bill No. 633.)

An Act to amend Sections 10, 15 and 17 of Chapter

7168 (No. 362) Acts 1915, same being "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the Town of Homestead, in the County of Dade, and State of Florida, and to reorganize and establish a municipal government for the said town, to prescribe its jurisdictions and powers and to authorize the imposition of penalties for the violation of its ordinances.

Also—

(House Bill No. 521.)

An Act to authorize and empower the Board of Public Instruction of Pasco County, Florida, to issue interest-bearing coupon warrants for the purpose of securing negotiable warrants thereby enabling said Board to secure a lower rate of interest upon the outstanding indebtedness of the said Board, and providing for the payment of said interest-bearing coupon warrants, and the cancellation of the present outstanding indebtedness of said Board.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

J. M. GORNTO,

And the Acts contained therein were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Gornto, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 571.)

An Act to provide for the organization, equipment and maintenance of county guards, to prescribe its powers, duties and regulations, to provide for its maintenance, its terms of service, and prescribing the duties of the County Commissioners in relation thereto.

Also—

(House Bill No. 716.)

An Act to provide for the disposition of causes pending

in the County Court of Liberty Count, Florida, at the time such court was abolished.

Also—

(House Bill No. 129.)

An Act to establish a State Board of Embalming, to provide for the better protection of life and health, to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, and to regulate the practice of embalming and the care and disposition of the dead.

Also—

(House Bill No. 658.)

An Act validating the formation and creation of the Limestone Drainage District in DeSoto County, Florida, and validating the election of a Board of Supervisors for said district, and the acts of said Board of Supervisors validating the assessment of benefits made by the Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court of said district.

Also—

(House Bill No. 633.)

An Act to amend Sections 10, 15 and 17 of Chapter 7168 (No. 362), Acts 1915, same being "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the Town of Homestead, in the County of Dade and State of Florida, and to reorganize and establish a municipal government for the said town, to prescribe its jurisdiction and powers and to authorize the imposition of penalties for the violation of its ordinances.

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of said interest-bearing coupon warrants, and the cancellation of the present outstanding indebtedness of said Board.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO
Chairman of Committee.

And the Acts contained in the above report were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Mr. J. M. Gornito, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 571.)

An Act to provide for the organization, equipment and maintenance of county guards, to prescribe its powers, duties and regulations, to provide for its maintenance, its terms of service, and prescribing the duties of the County Commissioners in relation thereto.

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Also—

(House Bill No. 658.)

An Act validating the formation and creation of the Limestone Drainage District in DeSoto County, Florida, and validating the election of a Board of Supervisors for said district, and the acts of said Board of Supervisors validating the assessment of benefits made by the Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court of said district.

Also—

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Also—

(House Bill No. 531.)

An Act to authorize and empower the Board of Public Instruction of Pasco County, Florida, to issue interest-bearing coupon warrants for the purpose of securing negotiable warrants thereby enabling said Board to secure a lower rate of interest upon the outstanding indebtedness of the said Board, and providing for the payment of said interest-bearing coupon warrants, and the cancellation of the present outstanding indebtedness of said Board.

Beg leave to report that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and are herewith presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GORNTO,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Eaton, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, Canals and Telegraphs, submitted the following report

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Railroads, Canals and Telegraphs, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 441:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2864 and 2866 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, requiring railway companies or other person engaged in the business of carrying for hire, to provide flat cars, with suitable appliances for hauling lumber and timber, and to prescribe a penalty for not providing appliances."

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

O. M. EATON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 441, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Davis, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary A, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary A, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 531:

A Bill to be entitled An Act making it unlawful for any person to aid any boy or girl in escaping, or concealing an inmate after escaping, from the State Industrial Schools of this State, and providing penalties therefor.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass, with the following amendments:

Strike out all of Sections 1 and 2, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. Any person or persons who shall knowingly assist any inmate of Florida Industrial School for Boys,

or Florida Industrial School for Girls, to escape therefrom, or who assists any such boy or girl in an attempt to escape therefrom, or who conceals or assists in concealing any such inmate after having escaped therefrom, and who is at the time of such escape subject to the control and discipline of either of the schools as herein named, shall be punished by fine of not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court;

Also—

In line 1, Section 3, of printed Bill, strike out the figure "3" and insert in lieu thereof "2."

Very respectfully,

C. E. DAVIS,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 531, with Committee amendments, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 207:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1831 and Section 1832 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the duties of clerks of circuit courts, with reference to the keeping of certain records and dockets.

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 207, contained in above report, was placed on Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Wilson offered the following Resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15:

Whereas, His Excellency, Governor Catts, has by special message sought to impress upon this legislative body the imperative need of the passage at this session of a bill providing for a just and equitable reapportionment bill; and,

Whereas, The constitutional requirements are mandatory and unmistakable; therefore, be it

Resolved, the House concurring, that a joint committee of the two houses be appointed—two to be appointed by the President of the Senate and two to be appointed by the Speaker of the House—whose duty it shall be to proceed at once in the preparation of a bill along the lines herein indicated, and to report the same at the earliest date possible.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wilson moved to waive the rules and to read the Resolution the second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15 was read the second time.

The question upon the adoption of the Resolution was put, and the Senate refused to adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Hughlett offered the following Resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16:

Whereas, The official map of 1916, issued by the United States Land Office at Washington, does Florida injustice by representing the south end of the State to be water and swamp under the general title of "The Everglades," with Lake Okeechobee as a part of it; showing but a narrow strip of Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties as being dry land and habitable, and the same appearance of water applying in full to Monroe County, and in part to Lee, DeSoto, Osceola and the new county of Okeechobee; and,

Whereas, The impression this fact makes is seen in a statement appearing in connection with a map printed

recently in Viereck's Weekly of New York City, in connection with the following description of Florida: "The map accompanying should be of interest to every reader of Viereck's Weekly. It is a photographic reproduction of the large map which hangs in our offices. Each tiny dot represents a city, town or village where we have subscribers. You may notice that in the State of Florida there are not many dots; but as Florida is largely covered by the Everglades (great swamps inhabited only by the picturesque Seminole Indians) our agents have had considerable difficulty in doing business there;" and,

Whereas, Northern papers are regularly printing similar stories, as for example a recent interview in the Daily Globe of Atchison, Kansas, with a man who spent the past winter in Dade County—on the narrow white strip down as land in the government map—and who said: "Florida hasn't a thing except climate. In the south half of the State you have to blast a hole in the rock to plant an orange tree. I couldn't find any man who owns orange or grapefruit groves who isn't anxious to sell. Rattlesnakes are so thick that when inhabitants of the town go out at night they have to have torchlights on the end of their canes or carry flashlights to frighten snakes off the sidewalks. The snakes are big rattlers, six to ten feet long, and men, women and children have to wear leggins or boots;" and,

Whereas, The author of this libel on Florida can point to the government map to verify his claim that it is swamp and water and, accordingly, the abode of reptiles and poisonous insects; and

Whereas, A recent book entitled "What About Florida," in a chapter devoted to "The Everglades," declares among other things that, "Because the Seminoles live on the edge of the Everglades is not to be taken as the best evidence that other people can thrive there. Even with drainage, the territory is low, the saw grass is high, the mosquitoes physically gigantic in size, the air laden with noxious vapors at times, the atmosphere heavy and inert, and there is everything enervating calculated to depress and not have that exhilarating influence that one feels in a higher altitude, or in a Northern climate. Health and living conditions are of paramount importance. It is impossible to conceive that this will ever be satisfactory in this part of Florida;" and

Whereas, The author of this book can point to the government land map to verify his claim that it water and swamp—regardless of the fact that there are wide areas of dry prairies and woodlands over which automobiles can travel in any direction without difficulty; and

Whereas, It is not necessary to go North to find Florida discredited, as not long ago a Georgia paper said there was "nothing in Florida except oranges and sick Yankees;" and

Whereas, Florida gets it coming and going, through the deceptive methods of certain land companies followed by victims indulging in wholesale condemnation and misrepresentation, and now the Federal Government's map spreads a swamp over the South part of the State, which can be pointed to as evidence that that part of Florida is not habitable; and

Whereas, The State has no publication to enumerate her resources, and no specimens of resources to illustrate and support her claims to greatness, but depends upon private enterprise, which in some cases has worked incalculable injury; and

Whereas, Some of the fraternal societies have not entered the State because of a belief in her unhealthfulness; and

Whereas, Dr. Wilson, founder of the Royal Arcanum, one of the great fraternal societies of the North, is now a resident of Florida, and recently said that "the is widespread that Florida is unhealthy, but by coming here I find that Florida is one of the healthiest States in the Union. I came here in my 79th year to live out the balance of my life, and you can take it from me that I now wouldn't care to live anywhere else, and it will be my pleasure to urge others to come. I stayed away only because I heard too many conflicting stories about the State." Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Florida authorize the preparation, printing and circulation of a Handbook to accurately and fully describe the advantages of the State, and also collect specimens of the natural and economic products of the State, for display at fairs and expositions to convince visitors that there is more in our State than swamps, insects and reptiles, and further be it

Resolved, By the Legislature of Florida, That our Sen-

ators and Representatives in Congress be requested to take the necessary steps to have forthcoming issues of the United States Land Office map and any other misleading maps issued by the government, so corrected as to at least show that Lake Okeechobee is not surrounded by water.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Hughlett moved that the rules be waived and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16 be read a second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16 was read a second time.

The question was put upon the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16 and the Resolution was adopted and the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Willis—

Senate Bill No. 532:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 837, General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to petitions for roads.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Roads and Highways.

By Mr. Alexander—

Senate Bill No. 533:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prescribe the qualification of electors in all municipal elections to be held in and for the municipality of the City of Daytona, Volusia County, Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

By Mr. Alexander—

Senate Bill No. 534:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the employment of detectives by the solicitor of the criminal court of record in and for Volusia county, Florida, and to provide funds to pay such detectives.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

By Mr. Farris—

Senate Bill No. 535:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County, Florida, to lay and maintain tracks for street railways and interurban railways on bridges across streams in said county over five hundred (500) feet in width, and to charge reasonable tolls for the use thereof.

Which was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 739:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing that the County Commissioners of Okaloosa County, Florida, shall issue interest-bearing time warrants, the proceeds to be used for the building of a courthouse and jail, the same running from the date of said warrants for a period of ten (10) years, to the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), and providing that the said warrants shall be paid at the rate of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and accrued interest per annum, and to provide the manner of payment of the principal and interest of said warrants and for the retirement of the same, and providing for erection of said courthouse and jail.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 739, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. McLeod moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 739 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 739 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. McLeod moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 739 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 739 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the Bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Forgarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—30.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 583:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prevent indecent exposure of the person, and prescribing the penalty for a violation thereof.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 583, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary A.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 686:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and directing the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, to refund to the candidates at the last general primary election held in Marion County, all the money that was paid to them under Chapter 6468 (No. 48), Section 26, Acts of 1913, by the said candidates as a filing fee, but was not used in conducting said election.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 686, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 683:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and empower the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, to pay certain banks doing business in Marion County, Florida, certain sums of money as interest for money loaned by said banks to said county prior to the first day of December, 1915.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 683, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 674:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the County of Dade, State of Florida, to issue bonds for the purpose of procuring and providing an armory site and for the erection and equipment of an armory, and to provide for the securing and payment of said bonds, and for other purposes properly connected therewith.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 674, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 676:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to legalize and validate the election held in Groveland Special Tax District No. 36, of Lake County, Florida, on the 20th day of April, 1917, and to legalize and validate the issue of Special Tax School District bonds voted at said election, and to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, to levy and assess a special tax upon the property of said district for the payment of principal and interest of such bonds voted in such district; and to validate the establishment of said district.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 676, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 673:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and directing the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County,

Florida, to refund to the candidates at the last general primary election held in Dade County, all the money that was paid to them under Chapter 6468 (No. 48), Section 26, Acts of 1913, by the said candidates as a filing fee, that was not used in conducting said election.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 673, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 703:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and empowering the Park Board of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, to erect buildings for certain purposes in the city parks located on the shore and abutting the waters of Tampa Bay, and to lease such parks for certain purposes, and to call elections for the ratification of such leases.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 703, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 705:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to create and establish the municipality of the Town of Florence-Villa, Polk County, Florida, defining its limits and boundaries, providing for its officers, and prescribing its jurisdiction and powers.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 705, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 718:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the construction of jetty, breakwater or other structure in the Atlantic Ocean at or near Jupiter, in Palm Beach County, Florida, in order to protect, preserve and keep open an

inlet which shall connect the Atlantic Ocean with the Indian River and which shall be constructed by a drainage district within Palm Beach County, Florida; and to provide for the issuance and sale of bonds to raise funds for such jetty, breakwater or other structure and for the payment of such bonds; and to provide for the maintenance, repair, preservation and protection of any such jetty, breakwater or other structure.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 718, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.
Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Memorial No. 4:

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to impose graduated income taxes; to regulate on war supplies and services, including transportation, and to enact legislation regulating the profits on necessities of life.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Memorial No. 4, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was laid over under the rule.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.
Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 712:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida, to reassess lands benefited by the construction of any drainage district or public drain or auxiliary thereto in said county, where the statute under which the same has been established and constructed, has not been or shall not be complied with in establishing or making assessments for the construction thereof; providing a course of procedure for such re-assessment and collections thereof and for the payment for work done in such construction; validating all contracts heretofore let for such work; and validating and legalizing the establishment and creation of the several drainage districts and special drainage districts in DeSoto County, Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 712, contained in the above message was read the first time by its title and placed on Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 740:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and empower the County Board of Public Instruction of the County of Holmes, State of Florida, to issue and sell interest-bearing time warrants for the purpose of retiring the indebtedness of said Board.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives..

And House Bill No. 740, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 737:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to prohibit unlawful carnal intercourse with an unmarried female of previous chaste character under the age of eighteen years, and to provide penalty for the punishment of such offense.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 737, contained in the above message was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary A.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representative to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 738:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and empower the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, to borrow and pay interest on Ten Thousand Dollars for operating expenses expended and to be expended on roads and bridges of the county, and declare valid all warrants drawn in payment of same, and to provide for a levy to retire said warrants issued in connection therewith; to authorize said Board to issue warrants on the fine and forfeiture fund in excess of the budget estimate where funds are on hand to pay them.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 738, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. McLeod moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 738 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 738 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. McLeod moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 738 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 738 was read a third time in full.
Upon call of the roll on the passage of the Bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—31.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 475:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 6250, Laws of the State of Florida, entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the Board of Public Instruction of Alachua County, Florida, to issue interest-bearing coupon warrants for the purpose of borrowing money for the erection of school buildings, and providing for the payment thereof."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 475, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 313:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 5 of Article 2, and Section 51 of Article 6, of Chapter 7128 of the Laws of Florida, A. D. 1915, same being an Act entitled, "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the City of Apalachicola, in the County of Franklin, and State of Florida; and to organize and establish a commission form of government for the same; to prescribe its jurisdiction and powers; and to authorize the imposition of penalties for the violation of its ordinances," approved May 20, A. D. 1915; which amendments relate to boundaries of said City of Apalachicola, and to the assessment of property for taxation; the manner of collecting delinquent taxes; prescribing a procedure for foreclosing the city's liens for taxes on real estate, the interest, penalties, costs solicitor's fees, and assessments of former years; the validation of previous assessments, the validity of title obtained through court proceedings; and the validation of the adoption by the people of said city of the commission form of government, provided by said Chapter 7128, and the validation of acts of officers of said city under said commission form of government, since July 1, A. D. 1915, and the repeal of laws in conflict with this Act.]

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 313, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

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House of Representatives.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 512:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to repeal Chapter 6249, Acts of 1911, approved May 19, 1911, being "An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County to issue interest-bearing time warrants for the purpose of constructing and building certain designated hard-surface roads within said county."

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 512, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 736:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2920 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the making of annual reports by common carriers to the Railroad Commissioners.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 736, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary A.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 602:

A Bill to be entitled An Act prescribing punishment for unnatural and lascivious acts.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 602, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 704:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to require non-residents of the State of Florida to pay a license tax before fishing in the fresh water lakes and streams of Calhoun County, Florida; providing for the disposition of money derived

under the provisions of this Act; and making the violation hereof a misdemeanor.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 704, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 701:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Board of Public Instruction for the County of Broward, State of Florida, to issue interest-bearing time warrants for the purpose of funding the outstanding floating indebtedness of the said Board of Public Instruction; regulating the issuance of said warrants; and providing for the payment of interest and their ultimate redemption.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives..

And House Bill No. 701, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 725:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to exempt non-resident citizens from paying a license tax to catch fishes with hook and line in the fresh waters of the St. Marks River, in the County of Wakulla, State of Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives..

And House Bill No. 725, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 694:

A Bill to be entitled An Act limiting the amount of tonnage by motor vehicles, and restricting the use of trailers, and log, timber, turpentine or other carts, wagons or vehicles and well machines over certain roads in Pinellas County, Florida, and regulating the speed of and the use of wagons, carts, machines, automobiles or other vehicles over the roads of said county,

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 694, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 692:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to legalize, ratify, confirm and validate the acts and proceedings of the town of Avon Park, DeSoto County, Florida, and its town council, officers and agents, relating to the placing of curbs and gutters along certain streets in the town of Avon Park, Florida, the assessment of the property benefited by said improvement; the issuance of paving certificates or certificates of indebtedness and improvement bonds.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
R. A. GREEN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 692, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 692 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 692 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 692 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 692 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the Bill the vote was:

Yeas — Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornito, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—31.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The motion by Mr. Wells to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 414 was indefinitely postponed.

Which motion was made on yesterday and was laid over under the rules.

Was taken up and placed before the Senate.

Mr. Oliver moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Upon which a yea and nay vote was demanded.

The roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Alexander, Baker, Carlton, Gornito, Mathis, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Shepard, Terrell—12.

Nays — Mr. President, Senators Calkins, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, McEachern, MacWilliams, Roland, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—18.

So the Senate refused to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Mr. Davis moved that the further consideration of the motion to reconsider be temporarily passed over, and that the motion be placed on the Calendar of Orders of the Day as a continuing order.

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

The motion by Mr. Farris to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 109 was indefinitely postponed.

Which was made on yesterday and was laid over under the rule.

Was taken up in its order and placed before the Senate.

The question was put upon the motion to reconsider.

The Senate refused to reconsider its action.

Senate Bill No. 155 was taken up in its order, and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS ON THE SECOND READING.

Committee Substitute for—
Senate Bill No. 267:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to create a State convict road force and to authorize the working of certain prisoners on same; to provide for their housing, feeding, clothing, guarding and general care; to provide for their transportation, supervision and the general conditions under which they shall be worked.

Was taken up, and was read the second time in full.

Mr. Middleton offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 267:

In Section 1, line 2, strike out the words "so far as available in the discretion of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, all male prisoners convicted of felony, except such as may be required for the maintenance of the State Prison Farm," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Not more than 300 State prisoners capable of doing road work in the opinion of the State Prison physician."

Mr. Davis moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Middleton offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 267:

In Section 2, line 3, strike out the words "which shall be responsible for the proper and efficient care of the said force at all times," and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Subject to the supervision of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions."

Mr. Middleton moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Davis offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 267:

In Section 1, line 7, strike out all of Section, beginning with the words "also all."

Mr. Davis moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Davis moved that the further consideration of Senate Bill No. 267 be temporarily passed over for the preparation of further amendments.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 425 was taken up in its order, and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate Bill No. 236:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to protect and regulate the fresh water fishing industry of the State of Florida, and to provide for the enforcement of this Act.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Turner moved to waive the rules and place Senate Bill No. 236 back on the Second Reading for the purpose of amending the same.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Turner offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 236:

Strike out Section 19 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The enforcement of the provisions of this Act shall devolve upon the Commissioner of Agriculture and those employed by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions to enforce the game laws, without additional compensation."

Mr. Turner moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 236, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 32 was taken up in its order, and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 182:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 2758, 2759 and 2760, of the General Statutes of Florida, as amended by Chapter 6847 of the Acts of 1915, the same

having reference to the organization, management, control and operation of life and fire insurance companies, and their agents, in the State of Florida, and making an appropriation for carrying out the provision thereof.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 182 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Shepard, Turner, Wells, Willis—29.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent—

Mr. Davis called up Senate Bill No. 267, the consideration of which had been temporarily passed over.

And—

Committee Substitute for—

Senate Bill No. 267:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to create a State convict road force and to authorize the working of certain prisoners on same; to provide for their housing, feeding, clothing, guarding and general care; to provide for their transportation, supervision and the general conditions under which they shall be worked.

Was again taken up and placed before the Senate.

Mr. Davis offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 276:

In Section 3, line 12, strike out all of section after the words "are available."

Mr. Davis moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Davis offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 276:

Strike out Section 4.

Mr. Davis moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Davis offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 267:

That the sections be properly numbered.

Mr. Davis moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 267 was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The consideration of Bills on the Third Reading was resumed.

Senate Bill No. 293:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 800 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, as amended by Chapter 6473, Acts of 1913, Laws of Florida, relating to the duties of Tax Collectors and Trustees of County Bonds with reference to money collected for the purpose of paying interest or for a sinking fund.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 293 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Willis, Wilson—29.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 50:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to back taxes, tax liens and tax sale certificates; providing for the payment, cancellation and surrender thereof, and fixing the interest to be collected thereon in lieu of existing interest, penalties and costs.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 50, the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—30.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 325:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to fix the minimum length of the term of schools in the State of Florida, and to regulate the apportionment to the counties of the interest on the State school fund and the special state tax levied for the support and maintenance of the public schools of the State.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 325, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Eaton, Hughlett, Jones, Mathis, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Willis—17.

Nays—Senators Crawford, Davis, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Igou, King, McEachern, Plympton, Turner, Wells, Wilson—13.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

By consent, Mr. Hughlett withdrew Senate Bill No. 304.

Senate Bill No. 307:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the County Boards of Public Instruction in the several counties comprising the Thirteenth Senatorial District of the State of Florida to borrow money for the purpose of refunding outstanding indebtedness, and to pay the legitimate expenses of the operations of the schools in such counties, under certain restrictions.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 307 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—30.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 287:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relating to payment of deposits in trust.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 287 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—29.

Nays—Senator Davis—1.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 212:

A Bill to be entitled An Act abrogating the certain provisions of the common and statute laws of England, adopted and in force in this State, relating to marriages; validating certain marriages heretofore performed, and legitimatizing issue born of certain invalid marriages.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 212 the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Alexander, Baker, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—28.

Nays—Senator Calkins.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Calkins explained his vote on Senate Bill No. 212 as follows:

"I vote 'no' on the above Bill because I think that Section 3525 of the General Statutes of 1906, which prohibits certain relatives from marrying, has repealed the common-law doctrine referred to in said Bill, and that said proposed legislation is unnecessary."

Mr. Alexander moved to waive the rules and take up and consider Senate Bill No. 81.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Bill No. 81:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to govern the discharge of employees of public service corporations and railways in certain cases.

Was taken up out of its order and placed before the Senate.

Mr. Wells moved to waive the rules and that Senate Bill No. 81 be placed back on the Second Reading for further amending the same.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The Bill was placed on the Second Reading.

Mr. Wells offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 81:

In Section 1, lines 1 and 2, strike out the words "public service corporation or railway," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "person or corporation."

Mr. Wells moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wells offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 81:

In Section 2, lines 1 and 2, strike out the words "public service corporation or railway or any person connected therewith," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "person."

Mr. Wells moved to adopt the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Davis moved to indefinitely postpone Senate Bill No. 81:

Upon which a yea and nay vote was demanded.

The roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Davis, Greene, Igou, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Plympton, Roland, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—16.

Nays—Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Hughlett, Jones, Oliver, Sheppard—12.

So the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

Senate Bill No. 301:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 33, 34 and 41 of Chapter 5596, Acts 1907, the same being "An Act relating to tax assessments and collection of revenue."

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 301, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—29.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Johnson moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 325 passed the Senate.

Which motion was laid over under the rule.

Senate Bill No. 41:

A Bill to be entitled An Act creating a State Fire Insurance Fund, and authorizing the Board of Commissioners of the State Institutions to insure all property of the State in such fund and directing the State Treasurer to keep a record of all matters necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 41 the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Fogarty, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, McEachern, McLeod, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—24.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 272:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 686 of the Laws of Florida, approved May 18, 1915, the same

being "An Act to provide how bonds and certificates of indebtedness of counties, municipalities, taxing district and other political districts, and sub-divisions, shall be validated; prescribing the duties of the State's Attorney and his connection therewith; prescribing the procedure in the Circuit Courts; and providing for appeal in such cases to the Supreme Court."

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 272 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughtett, Igou, Jones, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—27.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 492:

A Bill to be entitled An Act relative to the care, maintenance and hiring of State convicts, and making an appropriation for carrying out the provisions thereof.

Was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. MacWilliams moved to waive the rules and that the consideration of Senate Bill No. 492 upon its passage be temporarily passed over.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—
(Senate Bill No. 461.)

An Act making it unlawful to catch fish in certain fresh water lakes of Osceola County.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 44.)

An Act authorizing the Board of Supervisors of a drainage district to obtain permits from the Government of the United States and to give bond for the performance of same.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 64.)

An Act providing for the registration of aliens when a state of war exists or is imminent between the United States and a foreign country.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 130.)

An Act to amend Section One Hundred and Thirteen (113) of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to the keeping of certain record books and making of reports by the Comptroller of this State.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 78.)

An Act to prohibit the issuing by any one of checks or orders upon banks or other persons, when the makers of such orders or checks have not sufficient funds on deposit with the drawee to pay such order; to prescribe a rule of evidence therein, and to provide punishment therefor.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 58.)

An Act to amend Section 2, of Chapter 6966, of the Laws of Florida, approved June 4, 1915, entitled, "An Act providing for the distribution of the funds received from the Forest Reserves in this State, in accordance with An Act of Congress, approved May 23, 1908, appropriating twenty-five per cent of the receipts from the National Forest Reserves in this State for the benefit of the schools and roads in the counties in which said Reserves are situated.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 119.)

An Act to amend Section 103 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida in relation to the issue of warrants by the Comptroller of this State.

The Acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

The President announced that he was about to sign:

(House Bill No. 437.)

An Act to provide for the size of bar and mesh and length of seines fished or used in the salt waters of Bay County, Florida, and to provide penalties for the violation of same.

Also—

(House Bill No. 535.)

An Act to validate, ratify and confirm all proceedings had and taken in connection with the creation and organization of Special Road and Bridge District No. 5, of Levy County, Florida, known as Bronson Special Road and Bridge District, and all elections held in said district for the selection of trustees for said district, and fixing the tax millage to be levied and collected therein; and to validate, ratify and confirm all proceedings had and taken in connection with a special election held on Nov. 7th, 1916, within said district for the purpose of permitting the qualified freeholder electors, residing within said district, to determine, by a majority vote, whether or not the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida, should issue scrip of said district, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum, from the date of presentation to the designated depository of the funds of said district, and the endorsement thereon by said depository, "No funds with which to cash this warrant" in the amount of \$6,000, for the purpose of building, constructing and completing about 8 miles of hard-surfaced road leading from Bronson towards Williston, and about 7½ miles of hard-surfaced road leading from Bronson towards Archer to Alachua County line; and to validate, ratify and confirm and make valid all the subsequent proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, Florida, in the issuance of said \$6,000.00 of scrip, and the levying of special taxes within said district annually, for purpose of paying the

principal and interest of said scrip; and to make said \$6,000.00 of scrip, when issued, valid and legal binding obligations of said Special Road and Bridge District No. 5, of Levy County, Florida.

Also—

(House Bill No. 614.)

An Act granting relief to the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida, providing for extra compensation of said Board for special work performed, and validating the action of said Board with reference to allowing certain extra compensation to the members thereof.

Also—

(House Bill No. 636.)

An Act to legalize and confirm the incorporation of the Town of Crestview, in Okaloosa County, Florida, and to declare same a legally incorporated town.

Also—

(House Bill No. 655.)

An Act extending and enlarging the powers of the City of Leesburg, a municipal corporation organized and existing in Lake County, Florida, and providing for the exercise of such powers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 571.)

An Act to provide for the organization, equipment and maintenance of county guards, to prescribe its powers, duties and regulations, to provide for its maintenance, its terms of service, and prescribing the duties of the County Commissioners in relation thereto.

Also—

(House Bill No. 716.)

An Act to provide for the disposition of causes pending in the County Court of Liberty County, Florida, at the time such court was abolished.

Also—

(House Bill No. 129.)

An Act to establish a State Board of Embalming, to provide for the better protection of life and health, to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, and to regulate the practice of embalming and the care and disposition of the dead.

Also—

(House Bill No. 658.)

An Act validating the formation and creation of the Limestone Drainage District in DeSoto County, Florida, and validating the election of a Board of Supervisors for said district, and the acts of said Board of Supervisors validating the assessment of benefits made by the commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court of said district.

Also—

(House Bill No. 633.)

An Act to amend Sections 10, 15 and 17 of Chapter 7168 (No. 362), Acts 1915, same being "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Homestead, in the County of Dade and State of Florida, and to reorganize and establish a municipal government for the said town, to prescribe its jurisdiction and powers and to authorize the imposition of penalties for the violation of its ordinances.

Also—

(House Bill No. 521.)

An Act to authorize and empower the Board of Public Instruction of Pasco County, Florida, to issue interest-bearing coupon warrants for the purpose of securing negotiable warrants, thereby enabling said board to secure a lower rate of interest upon the outstanding indebtedness of the said board, and providing for the payment of said interest-bearing coupon warrants, and the cancellation of the present outstanding indebtedness of said board.

Also—

(House Bill No. 654.)

An Act to amend Section forty-eight (48) of Chapter 6367, Acts of 1911, entitled "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Leesburg; to legalize the ordinances of said town and all official acts thereunder; to create and establish the municipality of the city of Leesburg, in Lake County, Florida, and to provide its jurisdiction and powers and officers thereof."

Also—

(House Bill No. 689.)

An Act validating twenty-five thousand dollars of bonds of Special Road and Bridge District No. 2, of Holmes County, authorized by special election of May 2, 1916, and declaring said special district to be a special road and bridge district, in accordance with law.

Also—

(House Bill No. 440.)

An Act to make it unlawful for live stock to run at large in certain portions of Lee County, Florida, and providing for a penalty for the violation thereof.

The Acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Farris moved that the Senate do now proceed to the consideration of executive business.

Which was agreed to.

The doors were closed at 12:42 o'clock P. M. and the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors were thrown open at 1.06 o'clock P. M.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—31.

A quorum present.

Mr. McLeod moved that the Senate do now adjourn.
Which was agreed to.
Thereupon the Senate took a recess to 4 o'clock P. M.
this day.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—4 O'CLOCK.

The Senate convened pursuant to adjournment.
The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered
to their names:

Mr. President, Senators Alexander Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, McLeod, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson.—31.

A quorum present.

The consideration of Bills on the Third Reading was resumed:

Senate Bill No. 240 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

Mr. Wilson moved to waive the rules and that the Senate do now proceed to the consideration of messages from the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-third vote.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has appointed a Conference Committee on the part of the House to confer with a similar committee from the Senate to discuss Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 410.

House Committee—Messrs. Harris, of Pinellas, Dawson, Stockton, Scruggs, Watson.

The House further respectfully asks that a Conference Committee from the Senate be appointed.

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

And the request of the House of Representatives contained in the above message, was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Gornton moved that the request of the House of Representatives be granted and that a committee of three be appointed from the Senate to confer with the committee from the House, upon the amendments offered by the Senate and not concurred in by the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred in Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 127.

Amendments as follows:

In the title, strike out the words "County of Pinellas" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Counties of this State."

In section 1, lines 3 and 4, strike out the words "Pinellas County" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "the Counties."

In section 2, line 4, strike out the words "of Pinellas", and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Seat of the County in which such island or submerged lands are located."

Very respectfully,

R. A. GREEN,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Mr. Johnson moved to waive the rules and take up for consideration Senate Bill No. 155:

And—

Which was agreed to by a two-third vote.

Senate Bill No. 155:

A Bill to be entitled An Act in relation to banks, banking firms, banking or trust companies or corporations doing business in the State of Florida, and providing for the restriction and limitations of loans in certain cases and providing for meetings of and examinations and reports of directors and trustees and providing for penalties in certain violations and failures.

Was taken up and was read the Second Time.

Mr. Johnson moved to substitute House Bill No. 309 for Senate Bill No. 155.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Oliver moved that the consideration of House Bill No. 309 be informally passed over, 200 copies of same be printed, and that the Bill be made a special order for consideration tomorrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. Johnson moved as a substitute for the motion that the Bill be read the Second time.

Which was agreed to.

And—

House Bill No. 309:

A Bill to be entitled An Act making it unlawful for any bank or trust company organized and doing business in this State to loan any of the funds of said bank or trust company to any officer thereof; or to loan an amount exceeding fifteen (15) per cent of the aggregate capital and surplus to any director thereof; or to invest any of the proceeds of any such bank or trust company in stock of another corporation or in bonds other than government, State, county, municipal or district bonds; or to issue certificates of deposit for anything except cash deposited concurrently with the issuance of said certificates with said bank or trust company; or to carry among the assets of said bank or trust company any note, obligation or security which is not actually owned by said bank or trust company; and prescribing penalties for any violation of the provisions of said Act.

Was read the Second Time in full.

Mr. Johnson moved that the further consideration of House Bill No. 309 be temporarily passed over; that it be made a continuing order of the day, and that 200 copies of the Bill and Committee Amendments thereto be printed.

Which was agreed to by a two-third vote and so ordered.

Senate Bill No. 240:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 2574 Compiled Statutes of 1906, providing for the issuance of marriage licenses and the prerequisites therefor.

Was taken up and read the Third Time in full.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 240, the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Hughlett, Jones, King, Mathis, McEachern, MacWilliams, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wilson—18.

Nays—Senators Davis, Gornito, Greene, Igou, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Willis—9.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS ON THE SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 261 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 98:

A Bill to be entitled An Act empowering and directing the State Board of Health to furnish hog cholera serum and to assist in every way in the suppression of hog cholera; and providing a penalty for violation of this Act.

Was taken up, and was read the Second Time in full.

And the further consideration of the Bill was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 84 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 209 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 282 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 69 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 128:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the creation and establishment of a Florida State Board of Engineering Examiners, granting certain powers to and prescribing the duties of said Board; providing for the examination and registration of professional engineers, regulating the practice of engineering in the State of Florida, and providing penalties for the violation of this Act.

Was taken up, and was read the second time in full.

The Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 128 was read the first time.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 128:

A Bill to be entitled An Act providing for the creation and establishment of a Florida State Board of Engineering Examiners, granting certain powers to and prescribing the duties of said Board; providing for the examination and registration of professional engineers, regulating the practice of engineering in the State of Florida, and providing penalties for the violation of this Act.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 128 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-third vote.

And Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 128 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. MacWilliams moved to adopt the Committee Substitute.

Which was agreed to, and Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 128 was adopted in lieu of the original Bill.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be further waived and that Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 128 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-third vote.

And Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 128 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the Bill the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Alexander, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornito, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, King, MacWilliams, Middleton, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Willis, Wilson—22.

Nays—Senators Baker,, Greene, Mathis—3.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 237:

A Bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and empowering the State Board of Health to regulate the sale and production of milk, cream, ice cream, butter, or other so-called milk, or dairy products; providing for the inspection of all dairies or other places where milk is produced, bottled, sold or offered for sale; providing for the licensing by the State Board of Health of all such places where milk, cream, ice cream, butter, or other so-called milk or dairy products are sold, and requiring as a pre-requisite thereto the licensing of all dairies, or other places where milk or other dairy products are produced, sold, or offered for sale; and providing for the State Board of Health to prescribe certain minimum standards as to equipment, methods or handling, sanitation of buildings or barns used as dairies; and providing that all such milk, cream, ice cream, butter or other such milk or dairy products shall comply with certain chemical and bacteriological standards of purity.

Was taken up.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 237 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 237 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Fogarty moved to indefinitely postpone Senate Bill No. 237.

Which was agreed to, and the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Wells moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 60 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 23 was taken up in its order and the consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

Senate Bill No. 308:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to empower the Railroad Commissioners to specify the material out of which depots shall be constructed.

Was taken up, and was read the second time in full.

There being no amendment offered, Senate Bill No. 308 was, under the rule, placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Senate Bill No. 348:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to prepare, print and circulate a handbook and other publications descriptive of Florida resources; to collect samples of the natural and economic products of Florida for a permanent exhibit at Tallahassee and for temporary use at expositions and fairs; and for other purposes to fully carry out the requirements of this Act, and to make appropriation therefor.

Was taken up, and was read the second time in full.

There being no amendment offered, Senate Bill No. 348 was, under the rule, placed on the Calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Hughlett moved to waive the rules and take up out of its order Senate Bill No. 412.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—

Senate Bill No. 412:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 5600, Laws of Florida, approved May 21, 1907, An Act to provide for the enumeration of agricultural, horticultural, live stock, manufacturing, industrial and other statistics for their compilation, for the appointment of county enumerators, to define their duties, to provide for their compensation, fixing penalties and to define the duties of the Boards of County Commissioners in connection therewith.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

There being no amendment to Senate Bill No. 412 it was placed on the Calendar of Bills on the Third Reading.

The President announced the following committees:

Committee to Investigate and Report on Removal of L. S. Crump, removed County Commissioner of Leon County, viz.: Chas. E. Davis, Glenn Terrell, John B. Jones.

Committee to Investigate and Report on Removal of L. D. Howell, Solicitor of Criminal Court of Record of Duval County, viz.: J. N. Fogarty, Jas. E. Calkins, W. A. MacWilliams.

By permission—

Mr. Middleton introduced—

Senate Bill No. 536:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the City of Palatka, a municipal corporation under the Laws of the State of Florida, to issue bonds for the purchase of a supply of water; to enlarge or extend the present water plant of the City of Palatka to make available such supply; or in lieu thereof, to purchase the water plant of the Palatka Water Works, a corporation, and the properties thereof used by said corporation in supplying water to the people of the City of Palatka, and adjacent territory; and to repeal Chapter 7216, Laws of the State of Florida.

Which was read for the first time by its title.

Mr. Middleton moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 536 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 536 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Middleton moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 536 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 536 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the Bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alexander, Baker, Calkins, Carlton, Crawford, Davis, Eaton, Farris, Fogarty, Gornto, Greene, Hughlett, Igou, Jones, Mathis, McEachern, MacWilliams, Middleton, Moore, Oliver, Plympton, Roland, Sheppard, Terrell, Turner, Wells, Willis, Wilson—39.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES BY CONSENT.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 516:

A Bill to be entitled An Act empowering the municipalities of the City of Palmetto and the City of Bradentown to own, construct, operate and maintain jointly a bridge across the Manatee River, empowering said cities to regulate and control the passage of conveyances for hire, and license therefor upon said bridge, providing for the issuance of bonds therefor, the regulation of traffic, the management and control thereof and power of sale.

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 516, contained in above report, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 218:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to make effective Article XIX of the Constitution of the State of Florida as amended, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes, to provide

penalties for the violation thereof, and to refund the unused portion of the license.

Have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 218, contained in above report, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Calkins, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary "B," submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary "B," to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 488:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3103 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to the legal rate of interest."

Also—

Senate Bill No. 443:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to pay the E. O. Painter Printing Company for freight paid by said company on certain Supreme Court Reprints."

Also—

Senate Bill No. 442:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to pay the E. O. Painter Printing Company for extra volumes of Florida Supreme Court Reports, reprinted under contract of said company with the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions."

Also—

Senate Bill No. 506:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to amend An Act entitled 'An Act to regulate the salaries of County Superintendents of Public Instruction.'"

Also—

House Bill No. 67:

A Bill to be entitled An Act to make larceny of any au-

tomobile, locomobile, motorcycle and other like vehicles propelled by electricity, gasoline or kerosene a felony; to provide a penalty therefor, and for other purposes."

Also—

House Bill No. 287:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing agricultural and horticultural, non-profit, co-operative associations to own and hold stock in corporations under certain conditions."

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. CALKINS,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 488, 443, 442 and 506 and House Bills Nos. 67 and 287, contained in above report, were placed on Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Calkins, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary "B," submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate,

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary "B," to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 533:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the qualification of electors in all municipal elections to be held in and for the municipality of the City of Daytona, Volusia County, Florida."

Also—

Senate Bill No. 534:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the employment of detectives by the Solicitor of the Criminal Court of Record in and for Volusia County, Florida, and to provide for funds to pay such detectives."

Have had same under consideration and recommend that they be placed on Local Calendar.

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. CALKINS,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 533 and 534, contained in above report, were placed on Calendar of Local Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Calkins, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary "B," submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 17, 1917.

Hon. J. B. Johnson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary "B," to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 396:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of Clarence N. Hazen."

Also—

Senate Bill No. 333:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the settlement, registration, transfer and assurance of titles to land, and designate courts of land registration, with jurisdiction for said purposes."

Also—

House Bill No. 418:

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1449 of the General Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to libel and slander."

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that they do not pass.

Very respectfully,

JAMES E. CALKINS,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 396 and 333 and House Bill No. 418, contained in above report, were placed on the table under the rule.

Mr. Moore moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. Friday, May 18, 1917.